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REMARKS 25X1

1. On 17 June 1953, elements of the artillery units previously stationed there returned to the Reuss Kaserne, Gera. The unit was under the command of Colonel Shefchenko (fnu). Prior to 25 June, municipal buildings in Gera were occupied by Soviet troops and KVP. 25X1  
25X1 Colonel Akshurin (fnu) headed the military govern-  
25X1 ment headquarters. 25X1

2. Beginning 17 June, troops from the engineer camp at Aken near Dessau were employed in Magdeburg, Dessau-Rosslau, Bitterfeld and Bernburg. Two to three companies were stationed in the camp. The tanks did not march out. On 25 June, the troops returned and started a bridge construction at Ebersee. Logs and bridge sections were hauled to the Elbe River. 25X1

3. On 21 and 22 June, the Bernburg military post was occupied by about two companies. A tank and an armored personnel carrier were seen at the railroad station. 25X1

4. 25X1 martial law was lifted in Dessau on 27 June and had not  
25X1 been lifted in Halle as late as 29 June. Soviet soldiers in Dessau 25X1  
25X1 would have to leave Germany.

5. Prior to 23 June, the Friedrich August Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne in Glauchau appeared to be occupied only by a rear detail of about 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 18 June, martial law was declared in the Kreis Glauchau and curfew was from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the following day. Numerous patrols, each of three men, some times including an officer, were employed. 25X1

25X1 Two senior lieutenants wearing red brassards and tank insignia guarded the HO (Soviet trade organization) department store. No change was discernible on 20 June. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 23 June, three circular emplacements, each occupied by an about 20-mm AA gun were in the training area. Two trucks each mounting a light machine gun on tripod were seen nearby. The emplacements were occupied by about 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 25 soldiers rested in front of building No 21 in the installation. Armored

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vehicles were seen through the open windows of building No 23. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. Except for short strikes on 17 June, there were no demonstrations or riots in the Kreis area prior to 23 June.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the arrival of Soviet troops in the Reuss Kaserne, apparently in connection with the beginning of the demonstrations. [redacted] the troops belonged to the 308th Arty Brig (US) of the XXVIII Gds MZ Rifle Corps and probably came from Ohrdruf. [redacted] The two officers mentioned are known.
2. [redacted] Comment. The troops observed belonged to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GCFG, two companies of which apparently were also employed at its post in Bernburg.
3. [redacted] Comment. Guard service in Glauchau probably involved only the rear detail of the 220th Hv Tank SF Regt of the Eighth Gds Army which was stationed in the installation [redacted]

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